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Four and one-half miles north of Tallahassee, Florida in Leon County, there is an impressive mound group of six, or possibly seven, mounds. The topography of the immediate setting is a natural lake shore (Lake Jackson) or valley backed immediately to the west of the site by sloping, but high bluffs. The lake valley stretches northward for about ten miles and is surrounded by similar bluff and rolling hill formations. At present, the greater part of the lake is little more than a shallow marsh, and according to old inhabitants of the region, it increases and recedes according to rainfall. Oak and gum trees form a screen along the lower slopes of the bluff around the lake, and cover, or partially cover, some of the mounds. A large part of the area immediately surrounding the mounds has at one time been under cultivation.

The mound group is located on the southwest shore of the lake on a small inlet known locally as "McGinnis' Arm." All six or seven of the mounds can be enclosed in an area measuring approximately 450 meters north and south and 375 meters east and west. Six of the mounds are, or were in all probability, truncated pyramids. Mounds 3 and 6 still preserve this shape, but the others no longer retain their original contours which have been blurred by erosion accelerated by promiscuous digging.

Mound 2 is the largest of all the mounds, having an estimated height of about eight meters and base measurements of 65 x 48 meters. What may have been a ramp slopes down from the summit on the northeast side. Viewed from the top, the mound appears to be five rather than four-sided. Together with mounds 3, 4 and 6, mound 2 forms a quadrangle which is roughly oriented to the cardinal points with mound 2 being on the north. Mound 4 is second in size and is on the west. The base of mound 4 measures 34 x 43 meters, but the height is only about three to four meters. Mounds 3 and 6, on the south and east, are each about three meters high. Mound 6 is particularly well formed, oblong and steep-sided. Between these four mounds was probably the plaza area (open area), used for ceremonies, games, etc.

North of mound 6, approximately 35 meters, is a small, low circular rise designated mound 7 by Willey (1949:97). This rise, not more than one meter high and about 20 meters in diameter, was suggested by Willey (1949:97) as possibly being a burial mound, but the observance of an aboriginal baked clay floor exposed beside it precludes that possibility. Probably it marks the location of a collapsed village structure, the rise formed from the fallen building and subsequent covering with earth (or rebuilding).

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The remaining mound (mound 1) is some distance from the main cluster of mounds, situated approximately 200 meters north of mound 2, near the present edge of the lake. This smallest of pyramidal mounds is approximately two meters high and measures 20 x 21 meters at the base (Willey 1949:96). Between this mound, which probably marks the northernmost extent of the site, and the east-west line of mounds 7, 2 and 4, was located at least a portion of the village area, possibly the main concentration; only future excavational research will determine this.

This site clearly represents a late prehistoric Fort Walton (ca. A.D. 1300-1600) ceremonial center, the largest such center known in northeast Florida. Included in the site are the truncated temple mounds, plaza and village areas, and a probable cemetery outside the village.

The Division of Recreation and Parks has acquired the major area of land on which three (including the two largest) of the mounds are located, and has under construction a museum and trail network developing the complex as a state park. However, potentially important areas of the site lie outside the present state-owned section and should be acquired (as quickly as possible) before there is more destruction.

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This is one of the largest known prehistoric mound centers in northwest Florida, occupied during the late prehistoric Fort Walton period (ca. A.D. 1300-1600). That is was occupied during Fort Walton times is evident from the general configuration of the site, and the nature of the cultural materials recovered from preliminary test excavations (Willey and Woodbury 1942; Willey 1949; Griffin 1950, and Fryman 1970). Also, the one wall trench building section uncovered is a good indicator of the Mississippian tradition influence, expressed in Florida in the Fort Walton culture. The residents of the Lake Jackson site were undoubtedly the prehistoric ancestors of the historic Apalachee Indians, who occupied much of northwest Florida during the Spanish mission period (ca. A.D. 1625-1750).

Clearly, the Lake Jackson site is one of the most important prehistoric sites discovered in northwest Florida. It's status as the largest known ceremonial center of the Fort Walton period leaves no doubt as to its importance archaeologically. Fort Walton sites of any size have as yet been excavated, thus the potential for recovering valuable archaeological data is considerable. Extensive excavations, designed to examine every possible aspect of human activity still residing in the remains of this large religio-political center, should be carried out over the next several years. With the good fortune of the State owning a considerable portion of the site this should be possible. And, such excavations would only enhance the educational possibilities of the site as a state park, open to the public for enlightenment of Florida's prehistoric past. Properly planned, excavations could be carried out in restricted areas, while at the same time allowing the public to see "prehistory being uncovered." In this way, the layman could better understand the techniques and methods used by archaeologists and would hopefully gain a better appreciation of the importance and scientific value of existing prehistoric sites, thus perhaps lessening the present pace of thoughtless destruction of irreplaceable clues (sites) to man's past.

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Mr. Robert Williams
Director
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401 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are pleased to inform you that the Lake Jackson Mounds in Leon County, Tallahassee, Florida, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Lawton Chiles and Edward J. Gurney and Representative Don Fuqua are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

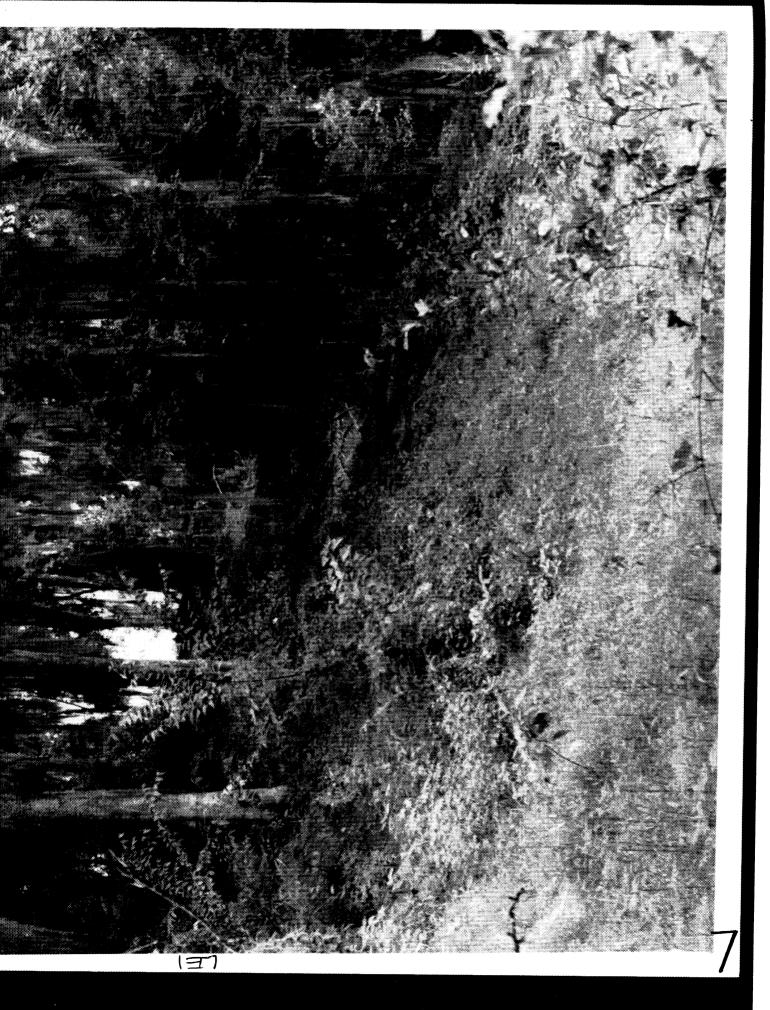
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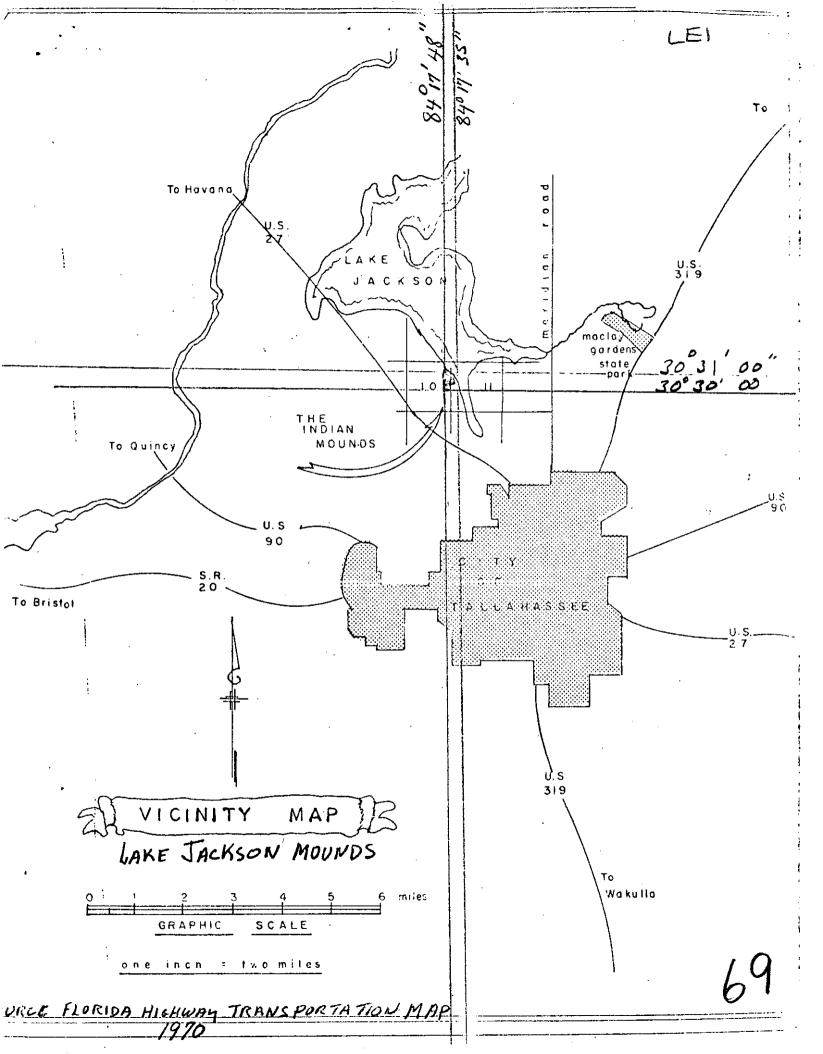
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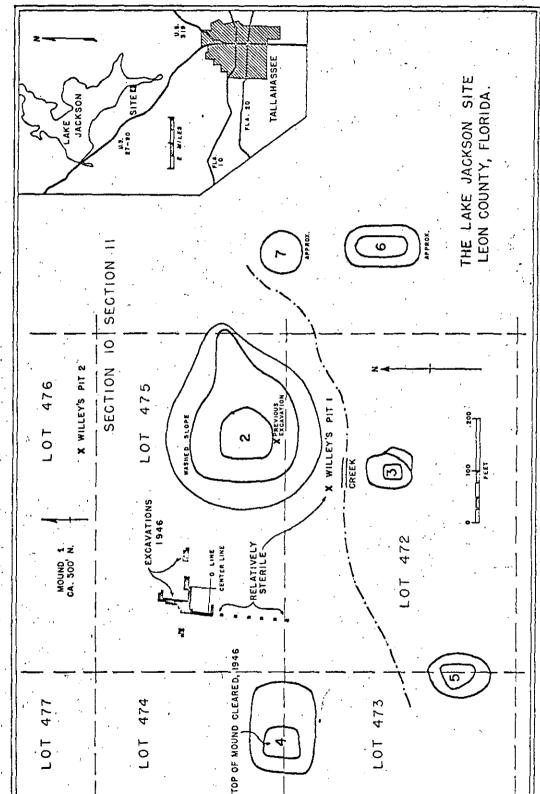
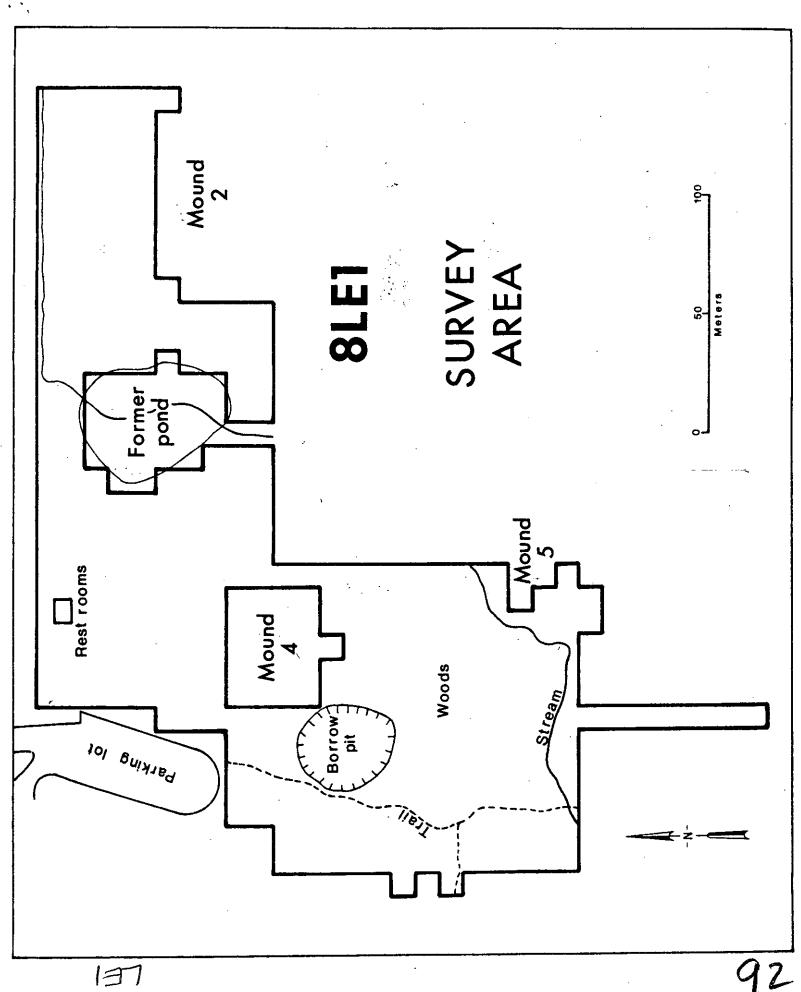
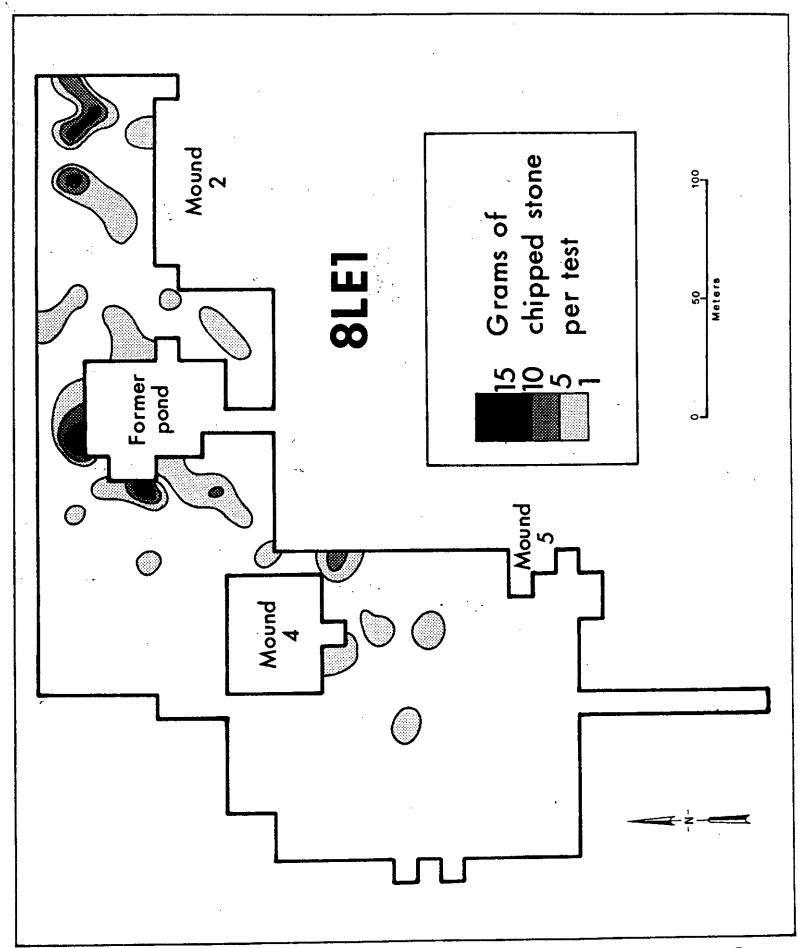
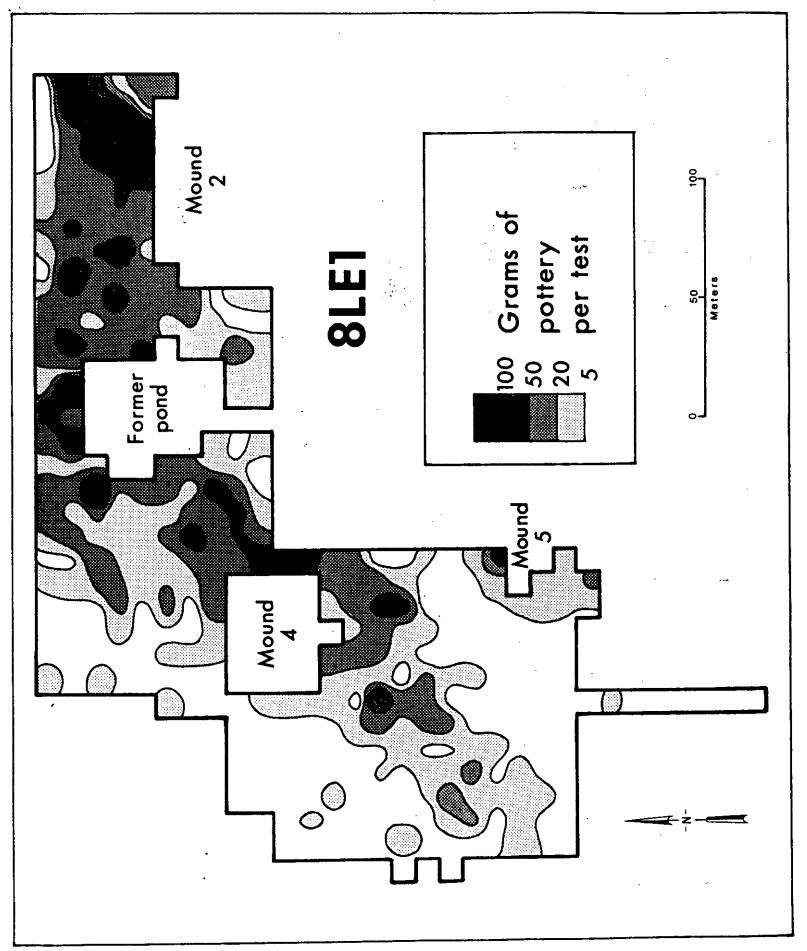


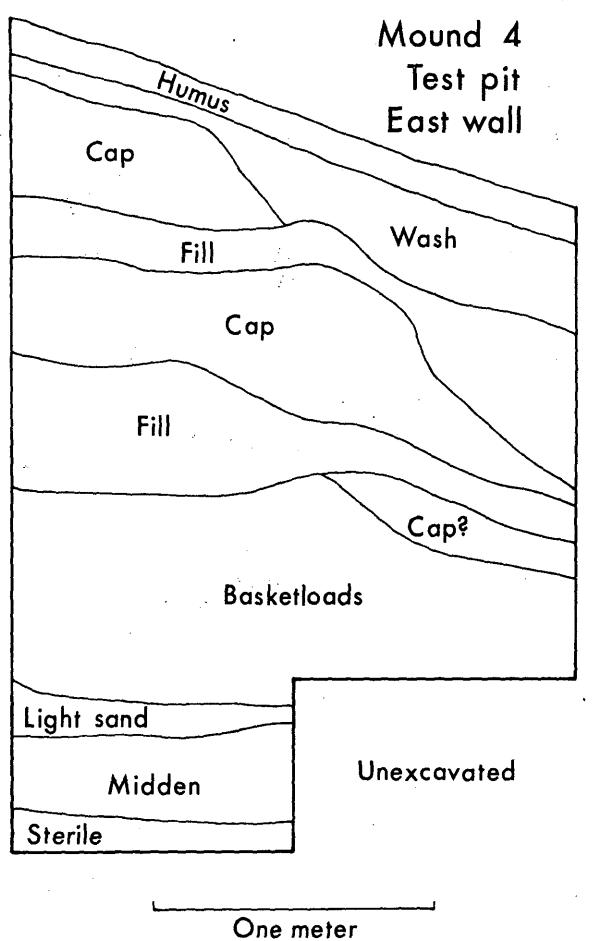
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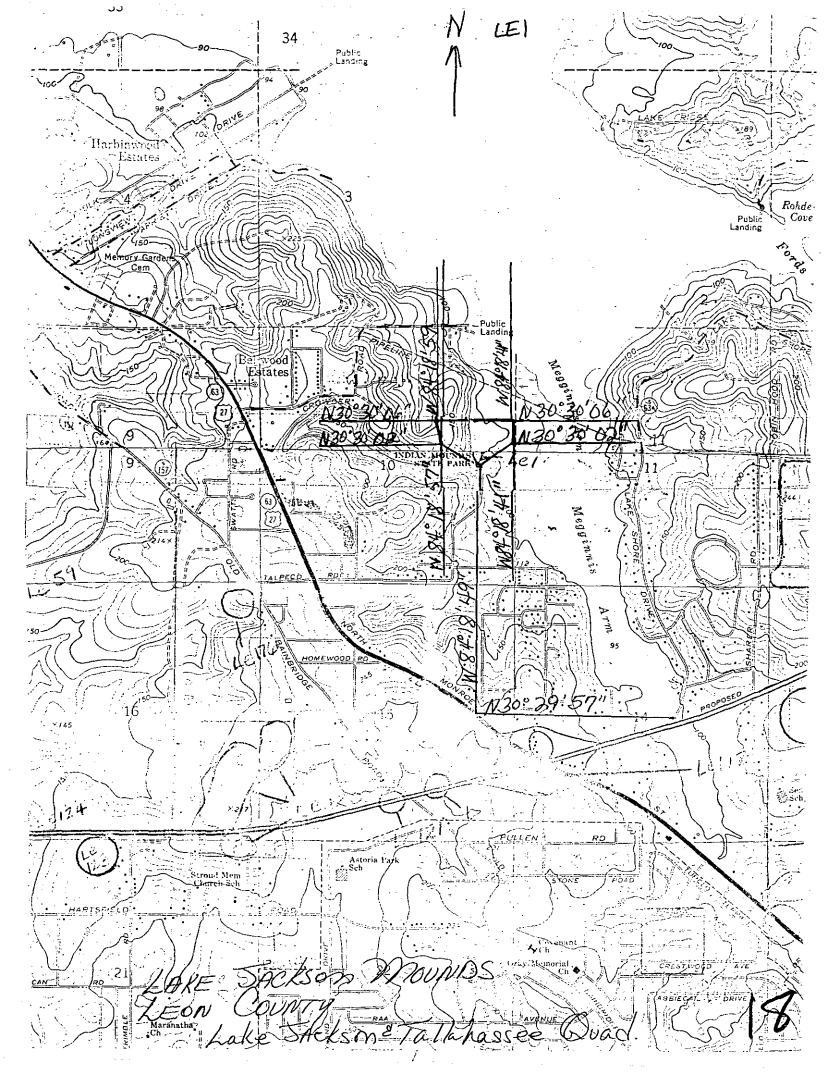


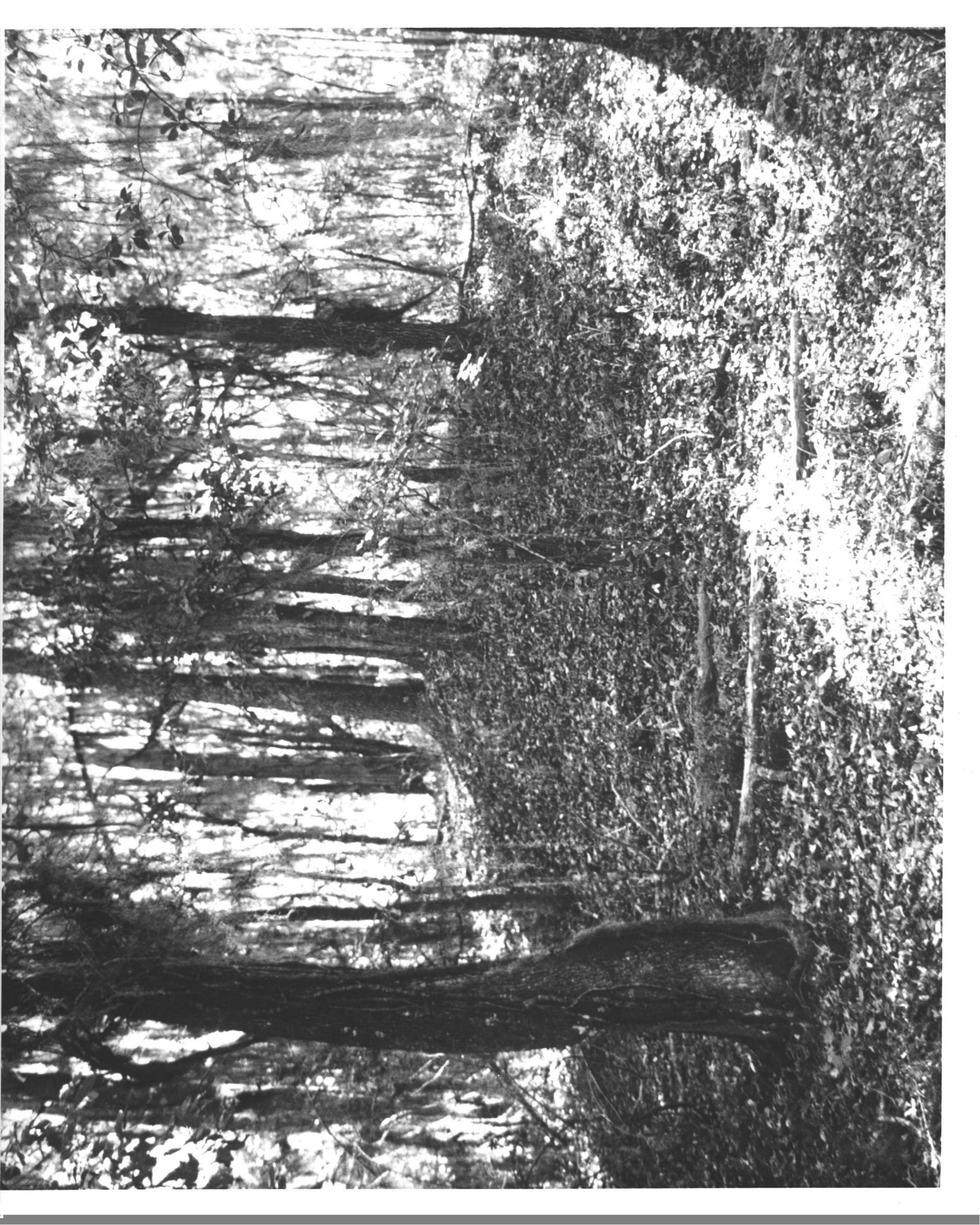




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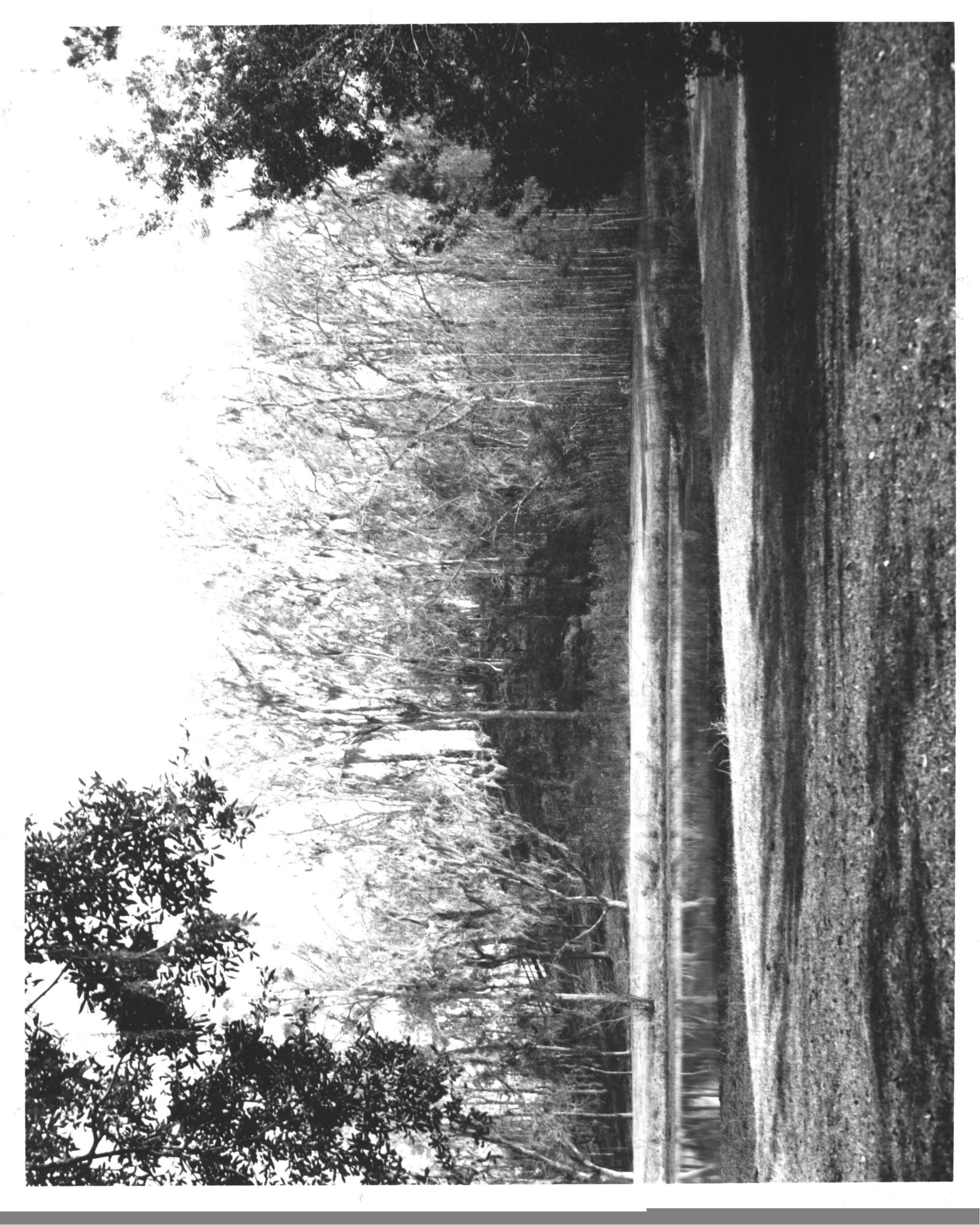


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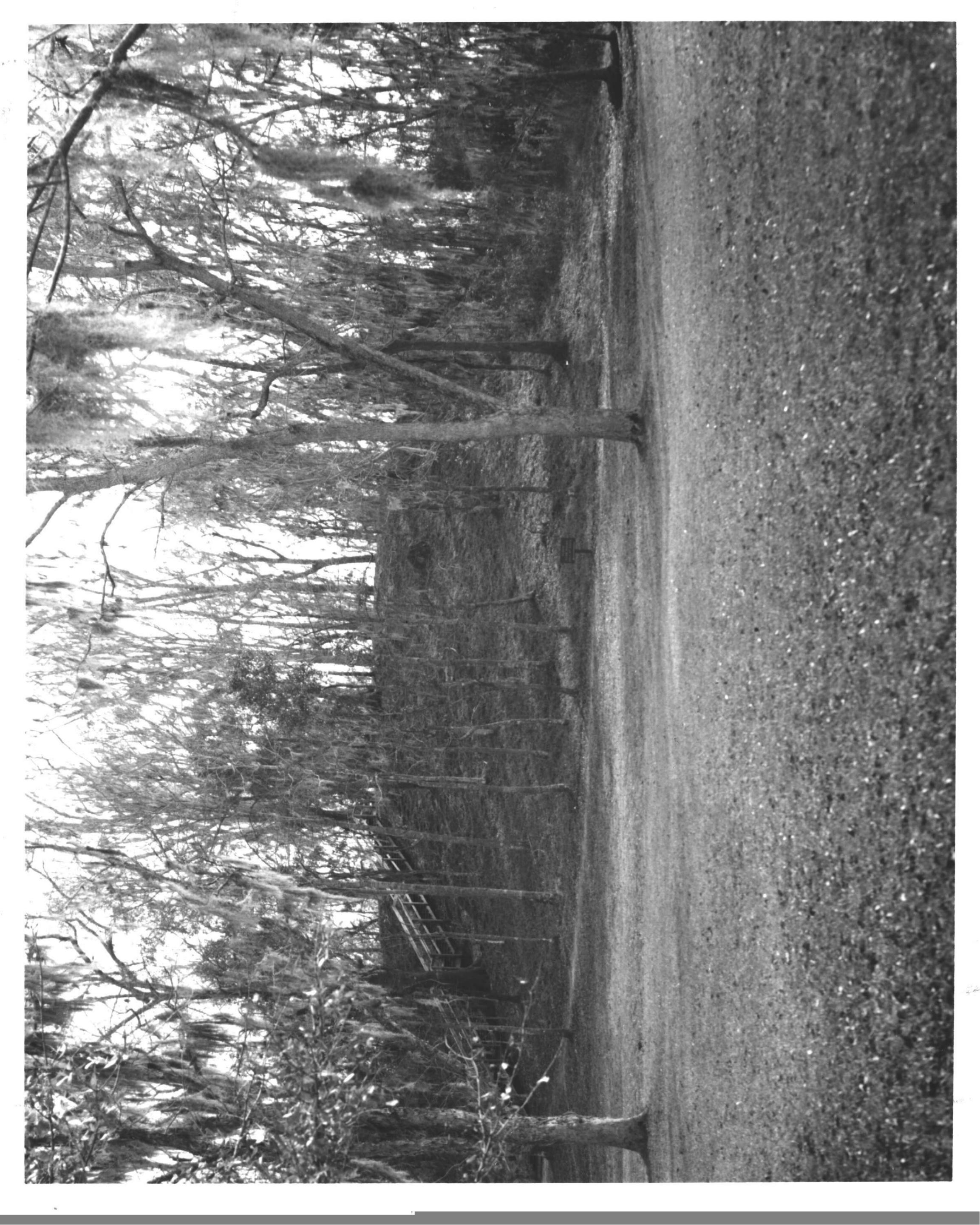
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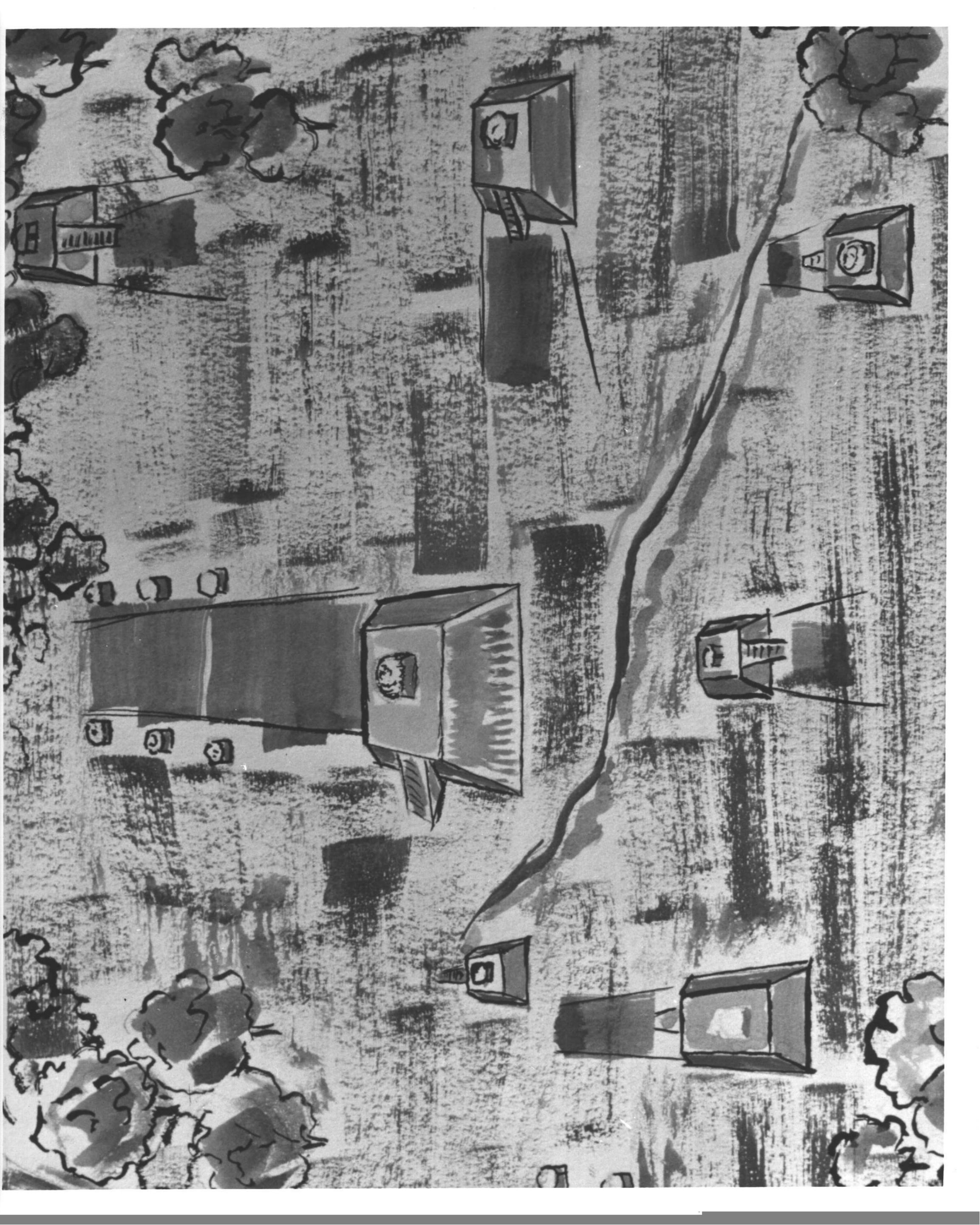
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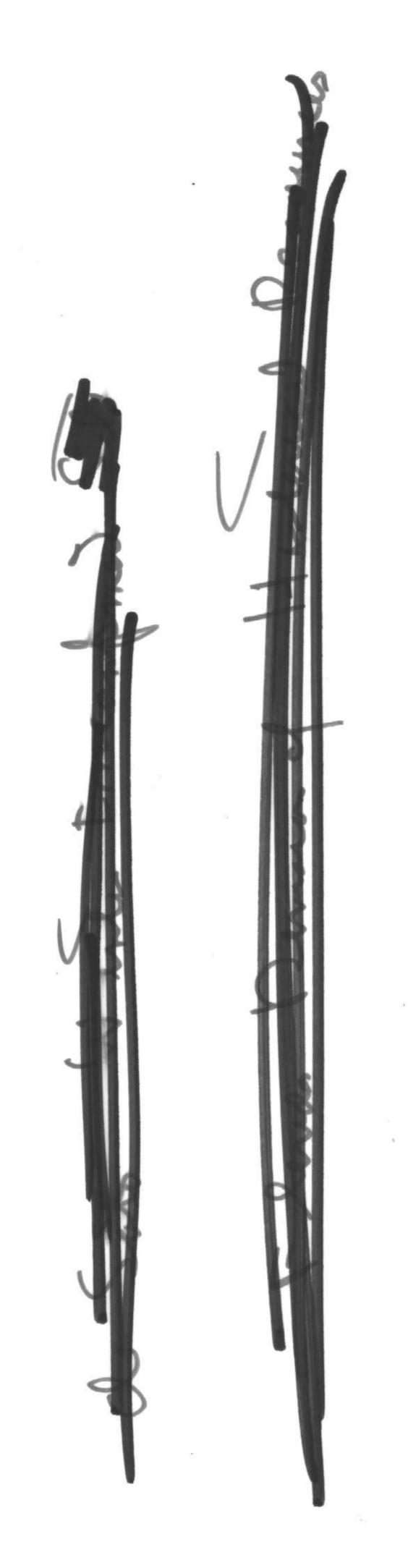








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Manuscripts or Publications on the site (Use continuation sheet, give FMSF# if relevant)Okeeheepkee Prarie Phase I Archeological and Historica Survey, Leon County, Florida
Recorder(s): Name/Addr./Phone/Email Carlos A. Martinez, phone= 850 413-6674 or home 850-877-7860 or email carlos_martinez@dcf.state.fl.us
Affiliation* or FAS Chapter
★ Consult Guide to Archaeological Site Form for preferred descriptions not listed above (data are "coded fields" at the Site File).
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LETTER OF TRANSMISSION FROM RECREATION AND PARKS TO SITE FILE

Send a completed copy of this form for each site or artifact collection that is recorded, along with the submissions in the Monitoring Package. Site File will return Transmission Form to Rec. & Parks with newly assigned file numbers.

FROM:		See "Letter Instructions" & "Colletctions Guidelines"
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If you need immediate advice or assistance, contact the Division of Historical Resources directly. If your situation relates to natural processes like erosion or the long term management of the site, contact Louis Tesar, Supervisor, Archaeological Research Section at (904) 487-2299, or fax (904) 414-2207. If your problem is project-specific, contact Susan Harp, Compliance and Review Section, at (904) 487-2333, or fax (904) 922-0496.

Other forms or questions: Forms are also available from the Florida Master Site File for recording historic standing structures, cemeteries, bridges, underwater sites and shipwrecks (all should be fifty years or older). To get copies of these forms, or for any other questions, please call the Site File at (904) 487-2299, Suncom 277-2299, Fax 904-921-0372.

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August 12, 2000

Division of Historical Resources Bureau of Historic Preservation Compliance Review Section Attention: Susan Harp R. A. Gray Building 500 South Bronough St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Ms. Harp

This letter is to inform you that the ground-disturbing portion of the underground power line project at Lake Jackson Mounds was completed on 8/11/00. Reference DHR Project File No. 2000-05815.

A 4-inch wide trench was dug with a ditch witch and monitored by me. Trench depth varied because of large roots but we tried to maintain 18 inches. Only a few artifacts were found during screening using 1/4-inch mesh screen and they were all discovered in 4 locations along the trench. Much of the area was previously bulldozed and filled for preparation for the shop and mobile home site. I am enclosing the bagged artifacts, monitoring field sheet, letter of transmission and drawings of the project area with locations marked as to where the artifacts were found.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Bill Kellerman, Assistant Park Manager

CC: C. W. Smith, Park Manager
Ed Higgins, Chief, Bureau of Parks, District 1
Steve Martin, Bureau of Natural & Cultural Resources



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October 18, 1999

David B. Struhs Secretary

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Ms. Susan Harp Department of State Bureau of Historic Preservation 500 South Bronough Street Mail Station #8 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Ms. Harp;

DHR project file number 99-6005 has been completed, all disturbed soil was screened and no artifacts were found. This area has all been disturbed by previous construction.

Thank you for your assistance in getting this project approved. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William J. Kellerman

Assistant Manager

WJK/SD

cc: C. W. Smith, Park Manager Tallahassee/St. Marks GEOpark



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August 31, 1999

Ms. Susan Harp
Bureau of Historic Preservation
R. A. Gray Building, M.S. #8
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0250

Dear Ms. Harp;

The attached Material's are from a project that came about suddenly at Lake Jackson Mounds because of a lake bottom dredging project.

Four post holes approximately 8 inches in diameter by 30 inches deep were dug to place posts for a gate so trucks could enter the property and pick up the lake bottom spoils. The holes were dug with a hand post hole digger and I Screened all of the soil through a 4 inch mesh hardware cloth screen.

Thank you for your attention and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Bill Willerman

Bill Kellerman

Assistant Park Manager

cc: Steve Martin, Cultural Resources
Bureau of Natural & Cultural Resources

C. W. Smith, Park Manager
Tallahassee/St. Marks GEOpark

Ed Higgins, Chief Bureau of Parks, District 1

MEMORANDUM

To: Florida Site File, State Lands file, and John Scafidi.

From: Louis D. Tesar 30 10/26/92

Date: October 26, 1992

Subject: Utility trench at Lake Jackson Mounds Site

John Scafidi called this a.m. to advise BAR concerning the planned ecavation of an electric utility trench from the District Manager's house to a utility shed at the Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological. DNR plans to use a mechanical trencher to lay the electric line. I indicated that the 2" to 4" wide mechanically dug trench would, because of the project's location, have a low likelihood of adversely affecting significant cultural resources. However, such limited mechanical trenching could serve to identify the location of structures and hearths. John's planned screening of the trench spoil will fulfill this purpose. He will advise of the results.

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August 14, 1978

L. ROSS MORRELL, ACTING DIRECTOR DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY, AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

(904) 488-1480

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. John F. Scarry Historic Sites Specialist (904) 487-2333

Vin Steponaitis (904 University of Michigan Archaeological Project c/o Department of Anthropology University of Alabama University, Alabama

Dear Vin,

Here is a xerox of the vessel reproduction I told you about. The vessel, a cylindrical beaker, was found in Mound 3 at the Lake Jackson site (8Lel). This is the mound which yielded all of the Southern Cult burials in 1976. I believe that this vessel was associated with one of the burials. The vessel is grog-tempered, typical at this site. The triangular areas are excised.

Calvin Jones, who excavated at Mound 3, informed me that there is another, similar vessel in the Florida State Museum. This second vessel, from an unknown location (mound) near Apalachicola Florida has only two courses of triangles which are incised. Moore (1902) located several Fort Walton period mound sites near Apalachicola, including Pierce and Cool Springs, but we are not sure where this vessel comes from.

I hope this information proves useful to youl I'll see you in a week.

Sincerely,

John R. Scarry, Historic Sites Specialist

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OUTDOORS

LAKE JACKSON MOUNDS

Archaeological site offers insight into natural history

The large, earthen mounds are remnants of an American Indian civilization that flourished from about 1200-1500 A.D.

By Tom Broderidge

Whoever said that the best things in life are free might just have come from visiting the Lake Jackson Mounds State Archaeological Site.

Located near the southwest shore of Lake Jackson, and only a few minutes morth of Tallahassee, the 81-acre state park offers a quick sylvan retreat from city noise and traffic white also offering an intriguing insight into both the natural and human history of the area.

The park gets its name from the complex of seven larger-than-house-size earthen mounds that are remnants of an American Indian civilization that flourished from about 1200-1500 A.D. Thought to be temple mounds and one possible burial mound, the largest is 278 feet by 312 feet at the base and about 36 feet high. Two of the mounds are within the park, and visitors can examine them from ground level or, using flights of wooden steps, climb to the top.

Gorgeous hiking trail

Also in the park is the Butler Wood hiking trail, a half-mile loop trail that was named for Col. Robert Butler, who was Florida's first Surveyor General under Andrew Jackson's governorship and who owned the land as part of a larger plantation during the territorial and early state-bood period of 1825 to 1860.

The trail cuts through upland pine woods and hardwood forest. Although the trail can be comfortably walked in only about 30 minutes, the hiker encounters a surprisingly rich variety of plants that might include violets, trillium and rattle-snake fern, and animals such as deer, fox, raccoon and wood duck.

The Butler Wood trail begins immediately at the south end of the parking lot and leads through thick trees down to a hundred feet of boardwalk that spans a



Park ranger Mark D. Stevenson points out flora to park visitors Angela Christian and her son, Jamie Christian.

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From the swamp the trail climbs and then follows a dike for several hundred feet, crossing a wooden boardwalk bridge before descending to the ravine floor to cross a small stream. The trail climbs fagain, and the rest of the walk is over high ground, meandering through the woods and back toward the parking lot, offering a final view of a large pit which is thought to

have been one of the sources of the dirt that went into the nearby mounds.

Trail is well marked

The trail is well marked and easy to follow and has strategically placed benches that give bikers convenient places to rest, while small informational plaques are sprinkled along the trail to describe many of the park's features, including ferns.

mockernut hickory trees, sweet gum frees, and the forest ravines locally called "steepheads."

One plaque in front of a 40-foot long fallen tree is entitled "Life from the dead" and outlines the role of bacteria and insects in the process of decomposition that will eventually transform the rotting tree into a pile of brown humans that will enrich the soil of the forest floor.

For most of its length the trail is a five foot wide soft, sandy path with only gentle grades. However, in several places exposed tree roots make the footing uneven

and suppery.

The Butler Wood Trail is not wheelchair accessible.

This park is free

There is no admission charge to get into the park. And if that isn't enough of a bargain, park rangers also offer free tours.

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"We will give a tour to a large group, but we will also give a tour for just one person," says Park Ranger Mark D. Stevenson, who typically gives 30 group tours and many more individual tours each year. "All people have to do is call ahead and request it."

Nice picnic area

In addition to the mounds and the hiking trail, the park also has a shady picnic area equipped with a half dozen tables and barbecue stoves. There are restroom facilities and a paved parking lot. The park is clean and well maintained, and there is a full-time resident park ranger.

The park is open from 8 a.m. until sundown 365 days a year.

All plant and animal life in the park is protected, Stevenson reminds. Intoxicants and firearms are not permitted, and peets must be on a six-foot long, hand-held leash. Because of the sensitivity of the archeological area, park rules prohibit removing any artifact or disturbing the ground in any way. That means not even driving stakes into the ground to play horseshoes or even to crect a volleyball net.

"There are many other parks that provide the public with a wide range of recreational facilities," Stevenson says, "But here we are most concerned with preserving the integrity of the site."

For more information about the park

For more information about the park or to request a tour, call (904) 562-9042.

To get to the Lake Jackson Mound:

To get to the Lake Jackson Mounds State Archaeological Site from Tallahas see, take U.S. 27 two miles north from I-10 Turn right on Crowder Road (traffic ligh at Winn Dixie shopping center). Continuo on for one mile. Turn right and follow Indian Mounds Road for 4 miles.



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This is one of the largest mound centers in northwest Florida. Its setting is the natural lake shore of Lake Jackson, backed immediately to the west by the sloping high bluffs of "Southern Pine Hills." The mound group consists of six or seven mounds ranging from 8 meters down to 1 meter in height.

The area was acquired by the Florida Park Service in 1966. Some historians suggest the village, Anhayea, at this place, was where Spanish explorer, Hernando de Soto, and his men spent the fall and winter of 1539-40. Since twelve priests accompanied the Spaniards, it is deduced that the first Christmas service in what is now the United States was celebrated here. The Apalachee Village, Escambe, and its 17th Century Spanish mission were also in this vicinity.

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ADD 158 1009 8LE1*911*one of the largest known prehistoric mound centers in NW Fla, occupied during the late prehistoric Fort Walton period (ca. A.D. 1300-1600); the residents of the lake Jackson site were undoubtedly the prehistoric ancestors of the historic Apalachee Indians, who occupied much of NW Fla during the Spanish mission period (ca. A.D. 1625-1750); it's status as the largest known ceremonial center of the Fort Walton period leaves no doubt as to its importance archaeologically; few Fort Walton sites of any size have as yet been excavated, thus the potential for recovering valuable archaeological data is considerable.

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LAKE JACKER State And site NEW KIOSK LOCATION **EXISTING TOILET ROOMS** 8 L. I IN Kinsk Surroy by C. Jones 5/11/1990 MOUND EHLANGO & AVEA About 17.6 MANE SITE PL 9.6M NE OAK Tro. MOUND Clutter

FPS ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING FIELD SHEET

(Transmit with artifacts to: Florida Master Site File, Bureau of Archaeological Research, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250)

LAKE JACKSON MOUNDS SAS	- WILLIAM KELLERMAN
Park Name	Collector's Name
INSTALL ELECTRIC LINE TO MOBILE HOME SITE	WILLIAM KELLERMAN
FOR VOLUNTEER RV SITE	Recorder's Name
	DATE: 8/11/00

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HOLE NUMBER	ARTIFACT BAG NUMBER	SCREENED (YES OR NO)	COMMENTS
/		YES	6 PIECES OF POTTERY
2	2	YES	1 PIECE OF POTTERY
3	3	YES	I PIECE IRON, I POTTENY, I FLINT
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